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LEGAL STAND ON FAKE ID

The legality and the illegality of manufacture and use of fake IDs remain very ambiguous. Whether the manufacture of fake ID is illegal or the use of fake ID is legal is still not clear to those who trade in fake ID or use them.

It seems that the use of a fake ID determines whether the act is illegal or not. The fake ID might be as good as an original and will be difficult to establish whether it is a fake or not. The law will not disturb you if you just keep it with you as a souvenir. Those who sell or make these fake IDs depict these as novelties and nothing more than that. The fake ID can be a fake passport, fake national ID, a fake driver's license; whatever it might be, as long as it is not used illegally, the law presumes that you are innocent. So far as the suppliers of these fake IDs are concerned, the law takes into consideration the fact that the suppliers are into business to fulfill just a demand of a market segment and they take for granted that the buyer knows the law and buys the fake ID as a gift item.

But if you try to use the fake ID to enter into some legal transaction, then the law will take its own course depending on the type of crime that has been committed. The criminal charges will depend upon the prevailing laws and regulations of the particular country. Minors often use the fake ID to enter into areas where their entry is controlled. Any offence done, will have inconsequential legal implications, and if the offence is a severe one, may attract severe punishment along with penalty of thousands of dollars with the name of the offender getting into the criminal records. To get out of this quagmire you might use another fake ID; but eventually you will get caught again, thus repeating the vicious cycle.

To take legal action against such companies the law has to make certain that the business really has unlawful intention behind its operations. Proving this is a very difficult and a long drawn process. The law has to establish a link between the criminal gang and the company or whether the targeted company themselves were involved in sealing identity of civil servants, with help of insiders, to create fake IDs with the intention of carrying a crime.

There are organized criminals who use these fake IDs for their criminal acts like illegal immigration and many such operations. If the law can prove that the manufacturer of the fake ID has any connection with these organized criminals, then it can nail the company otherwise not.

The government has woken up to the fact that insiders sometimes are involved in stealing data from their database, after a theft of 55,000 social security numbers was discovered which was committed by a student in the University of Texas. Members of the Department of Motor Vehicles in New York and Brooklyn especially have also been caught selling fake IDs after stealing personal information. In another case, a single window clerk at a Department of Motor vehicles branch in New York was charged with felony after she had conspired with a man of Turkish origin to approve licenses without supporting documents to prove residence and other requirements.